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Box PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR AUTHENTICATING AND  
PROTECTING THE INTEGRITY OF DATA STREAMS AND  
OTHER DATA  
Inventor: Xavier Serret-Avila

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 52 pages, including title page, 15 independent claims, and 74 claims total.
2. Drawings - 19 sheets of informal drawings (Figures 1A-15B).

Applicant claims the right to priority based on U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/170,828, filed December 14, 1999, which is related to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/138,171, filed June 8, 1999 and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/276,233, filed March 25, 1999.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(g). Applicant awaits notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

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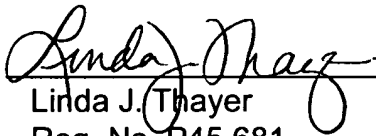
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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